

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**

I moved to Hermiston in January 2017. My boyfriend and I both wanted to move, and he transferred here for FedEx. We moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**

I love Delish Bistro.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like to garden, cook, make bath bombs and cosmetics. And we have a cat, we like taking her for walks and to the park.

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

How similar the weather is to back home. The terrain is also very similar. It looks a lot like New Mexico; I was surprised.

**What was the last book you read?**

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"

**What app or website do you use most often other than Facebook or Google?**

Probably Pinterest. I love getting different pictures and inspiration from different places.

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**

My boyfriend has family in France. I really want to visit France, Spain and Italy.

**What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?**

When I was younger, I did 4-H. I did sewing, and I had made a skirt. For the awards show, the sewing contestants did a fashion show for the whole crowd. I was walking and I fell off the stage face-first. I was in a skirt, and I just heard my mom start laughing.

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**

I really want to start graduate school. And I want to travel, see parts of Oregon and Washington, and go to Canada.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

Graduating college, and moving out here. Others move away and come back home, but I'm proud we've been able to stick it out.

HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO  
MAY 11, 1993

Hermiston School Board members heard the first solid suggestions for cutting about \$1.5 million from the district's budget.

"When we started making the list, we tried to find things to cut before cutting people," said Hermiston Superintendent Jer Pratton. "Another thing we kept in mind was reducing programs before cutting programs out."

Pratton stressed that the list contained proposals for the next school year. However, the proposals were approved by the board and will go to the budget committee to serve as a basis for building next year's budget.

To raise revenue the district is looking at charging a \$50 user fee for participating in one high school sport. The fee would be \$100 for two sports or \$140 for a family.

It was also considering increasing pool rates by 50 percent and increasing breakfast and lunch prices by 25 cents.

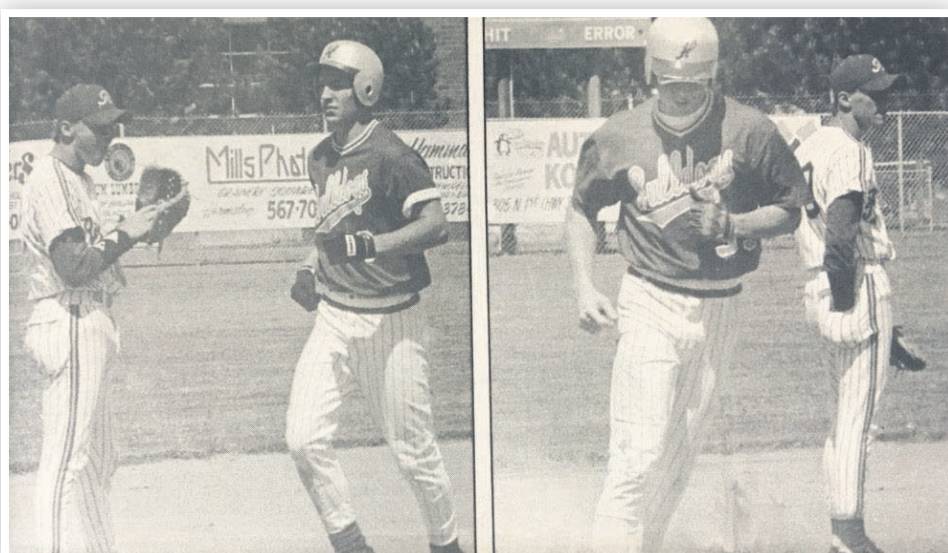
• Finding ways to create new space for the growing population in Hermiston schools could involve the construction of one or two new buildings, if Hermiston School Board agrees with recommendations from the Planning for Growth Committee.

Board members heard three options for new buildings in the district. The choices, ranging in cost from \$11 million to \$17 million, all included construction or major remodeling.

The first recommendation was to build two new middle schools on property owned by the district on Diagonal Road and Johns Avenue. The middle schools would hold grades six through eight, solving some of the overcrowding at the elementary schools. Each building would be designed for 600 students, and would include a remodel of Armand Larive Junior High for use as a small elementary.

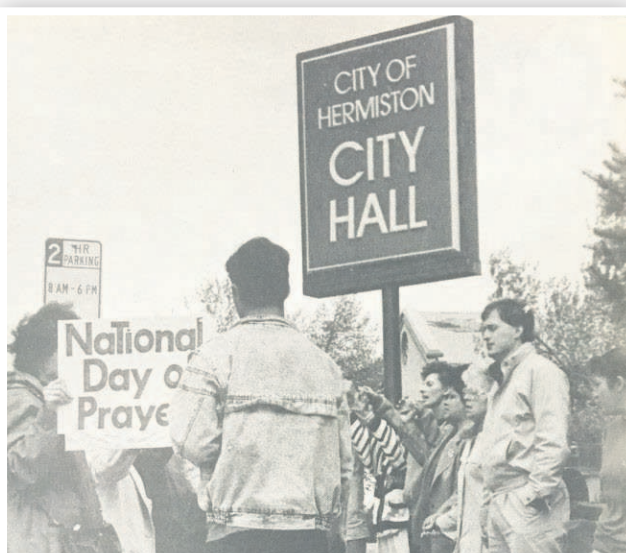
The second recommendation was to build one large junior high for about 900 students on the Diagonal property. In addition to the junior high a new 500-student elementary would be built on the Johns Avenue property.

A third recommendation also asks for the construction of a large junior high. However, instead of building a new elementary school, additional wings or musical classrooms would be added to the existing elementary buildings.



HH FILE PHOTO

Ryan Ferguson (left) and Bucky Jacobsen round the bases after hitting home runs in a double-header sweep of Redmond in 1993. Jacobsen went on to play for the Seattle Mariners in 2004.



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More than a dozen people turned out in 1993 at City Hall to take part in the National Day of Prayer. Despite heavy winds, the groups prayers for the nation, the city and our schools could be heard by passers-by.

50 YEARS AGO  
MAY 9, 1968

Hermiston School District 8-R was among the many throughout the state whose school budget went down to defeat Monday when the polls closed. There were 428 'No' votes and 301 'Yes' on a \$1,063,873.56 budget above the 6 percent limitation.

The Intermediate Education District levy passed 372-364.

Most of the larger districts throughout the state were defeated as well as those with extremely high budgets. Umatilla and Morrow counties also defeated the IED equalization levy of \$1,570,586 with 2,794 against and 2,440 for.

• Kenny Ferguson, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, was tossing rocks at a bottle. The bottle broke and a sliver of glass flew into his right eye, cutting the eyelid and the eyeball. He was taken to a Pendleton hospital.

In February he was hospitalized for treatment on his left eye which he injured with a sharp stick.

75 YEARS AGO  
MAY 6, 1943

Rodell Atkins received a 60-day jail sentence and 90 days suspended provided he leave Umatilla County for a year.

He pleaded guilty to an attack with a dangerous weapon, drunkenness and vagrancy, and was taken to the Pendleton jail late that afternoon.

Atkins went on a drunken spree Tuesday, slashing his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Christina Atkins, in the arm causing a gash that required seven stitches. The assault almost backfired when he gashed himself in the leg accidentally.

He was arrested by chief of police B.J. Nation

and placed in the local jail, pending his appearance in justice court.

100 YEARS AGO  
MAY 11, 1918

Chief of Police Laudenslager received an order from the Shoshone County draft board to look up one Alvin J. Strader and deliver him to the sheriff at Wallace, Idaho, as quickly as possible. The letter accompanying the order conveyed the information that Strader had been drafter April 26, and that instead of appearing wrote a letter to the board explaining that he was averse to going to war and taking human life, and rather than do so would face a firing squad.

Evidently he had no intention of evading the outcome, for on leaving Shoshone County he came to his home in Irrigon on a visit to his parents and happened to be in Hermiston on the day the order for his apprehension came to the chief of police.

He took it quite as a matter of fact on being informed that the draft board wanted him in Wallace, and together with the police chief officer left that night for the Idaho mining town, where he was delivered into the hands of the sheriff Sunday afternoon.

What disposition will be made of his case is not known as yet, but it is probably the young man will be sent across the big pond to the battle front or interned until the war is over.

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**What are observers saying about what Commissioner Murdock has brought to Umatilla County in his first full term?**

**On the subject of energy & commitment:**  
"He models what he expects from employees - he's among those who open the Courthouse in the morning and among those who close it in the evening - every day."

**On the subject of accessibility:**  
"When I drop by the Commissioner's office, I can count on Commissioner Murdock being there."

**On the subject of knowledge & experience:**  
"It's not easy helping lead 300 employees and balancing an \$80 million budget. Commissioner Murdock came to the position with decades of experience and it shows in the current state of the county."

**On the subject of past performance:**  
"Commissioner Murdock made a positive difference at the Intermountain ESD, the Pasco School District and at the East Oregonian. It shouldn't be a surprise that Umatilla County has benefitted from this experience."

**On the subject of making the most of tax dollars:**  
"Taxpayers don't want public agencies that whine about not having enough money. Rather, they want those in charge to function effectively and efficiently and provide a stable level of programs and services. Commissioner Murdock is the chief budget officer for the county and he is proud of the fact the county balanced next year's budget on February 6."

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